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Extension of the scheme of honorary service in Government medical institutions.

* 607 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplate any extension of the scheme of honorary service in Government medical institutions and whether they have appointed any committee to make recommendations as to the desirability of such extension;

(*b*) if so, whether the Committee has sent any recommendations and whether the Government will place them on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received and are still receiving complaints of indifference against the medical officers of the Government in charge of hospitals?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A Committee was appointed by the Government to consider the question of revising the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers in Government medical institutions and to make any other recommendations concerning these honorary appointments not involving extra expenditure. The Committee has submitted its report and it has been published for general information in G.O.* No. 1705, P.H., dated 11th September 1931, placed on the table.

(*c*) No.

Termination of the services of probationary assistant surgeons as a measure of retrenchment.

* 608 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether as a measure of retrenchment the services of any probationary assistant surgeons have recently been terminated, and, if so, of how many; and

(*b*) how many assistant surgeons and District Medical officers who have put in 25 or more years of service are now under Government employment?

A.—(*a*) Yes. Thirteen of the most junior probationary assistant surgeons have been discharged.

(*b*) Ten civil assistant surgeons and eleven civil surgeons.

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government is aware that as a matter of retrenchment the Government would have effected much larger saving by discharging the civil surgeons and assistant surgeons who have put in 25 years' service or more instead of discharging these probationers? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I do not think that the retiring of men with 25 years' service would necessarily result in larger savings. But that question is also under consideration."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur :—" May I know, whether the Government will consider it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" It is being examined."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know, Sir, whether among the thirteen of the most junior probationary assistant surgeons that have been discharged, there are any Mussalmans? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I do not know, I must enquire. Probably there is one."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister considered the rule that retrenchment should not be to the detriment of the principle of communal rotation in the services? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" That is a question now under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know, Sir, whether these junior probationary assistant surgeons will be absorbed in the ten civil assistant surgeons and eleven civil surgeons who may be retired? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" That is also a question which will be considered."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" May I know, Sir, whether, as and when vacancies arise in the cadre of assistant surgeons, these people will be absorbed in the service, and that they will be given the benefit of first refusal? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Yes, Sir. The suggestion will be considered."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Is it not the policy of the Government to stop recruitment hereafter? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" No, Sir, not necessarily."

Religious Endowments

Number of seats allotted to the North Arcot District Temple Committee.

* 609 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of seats allotted to the North Arcot District Temple Committee is;

(*b*) how the seats were distributed to the various taluk boards in the district to be chosen by them;

(*c*) when was the final order of Government passed on such distribution;